

## WILSON IGNORES EVIDENCE U-BOAT SANK HESPERIAN

Diplomatic Inaction in Fay  
Case Another Sign U. S.  
Shuns Friction.

## FRIENDLY SPIRIT TOWARD GERMANY

Hint That Payment of Indemnity,  
Not Disavowal, Will End the  
Lusitania Controversy.

(From The Tribune Bureau.)  
Washington, Oct. 30.—New indica-  
tions that the administration is deter-  
mined to avoid further friction with  
Germany, even at the sacrifice of some  
American interests, developed today.  
Announcement was made by the State  
Department that no action was con-  
templated in the case of the torpedoed  
liner Hesperian or of the confessed  
1915, Robert Fay.

The Navy Department reported to-  
day that the fragments picked up on  
the deck of the Hesperian after the  
explosion which sent her to the bottom  
were undoubtedly parts of a torpedo.  
The German government, in a note sent  
yesterday to the Hesperian, denied that  
the Hesperian had been attacked by  
a submarine, and suggested that the  
ship had sunk.

The State Department announced to-  
day that in the absence of conclusive  
proof that the torpedo fragments sent  
here were actually picked up aboard  
the Hesperian after the explosion the  
matter would be dropped.

The department has received, how-  
ever, affidavits from the officers of the  
Hesperian attesting to the fact that it  
is "probable" that such was the case, but  
Secretary Lansing believes the chain of  
evidence is incomplete, in that no affi-  
davit has been received from the men  
who actually found the pieces of metal.

Inaction in Fay Case.

A similar attitude is taken by the  
administration in refusing to investi-  
gate the status of Lieutenant Robert  
Fay, who has confessed that he is in the  
employ of Germany as an army officer  
and is being held by the Department of  
Justice on charges of conspiracy in  
bomb plots. The State Department  
justifies its inaction on the technical  
ground that the question of Fay's  
status has no bearing on the charges  
on which he is being prosecuted.

If Fay is convicted of conspiracy, it  
is said, the United States may inquire  
into his connection with the German  
government, and ascertain, if possible,  
whether his activities were directed  
from Berlin. This attitude of the ad-  
ministration takes no account of the  
fact that Fay has already confessed  
that he was sent to this country by  
the German government to do sub-  
stantially what he is now charged with.  
Ever since the memorandum of Am-  
bassador von Bernstorff disavowing the  
sinking of the Arabic, the administra-  
tion has been disposed to give Germany  
the benefit of every doubt. It has  
taken the position that German good  
faith was no longer to be questioned,  
that the principles for which the  
United States has been contending had  
been granted, and that any new signs  
of untrustworthiness on Germany's part  
were to be discounted heavily.

In this spirit it has allowed almost  
a month to elapse without reminding  
Germany that the disavowal of the at-  
tack on the Arabic cannot be construed  
as a disavowal of the sinking of the  
Lusitania, in which more than one hun-  
dred American lives were lost, and for  
which the German government has of-  
fered nothing but qualified regrets.

In the same spirit the cases of the  
two attachés of the German Embassy,  
Captain von Papen and Captain Ro-  
bert, have been laid on the shelf. It is  
stated unequivocally in the German of-  
ficial circles that the State Department  
has had in its possession for weeks  
sufficient information of improper ac-  
tivities on the part of these two offi-  
cers to hand them their passports per-  
emptorily, without even going through  
the formalities observed in the Dumba  
case.

Plot Sponsor Unmolested.

The propaganda fostered by the Aus-  
trian Consul General in New York,  
Alexander Nuber von Perckov, has also  
been allowed to pass unnoticed. The  
consul general was sponsor for the  
scheme to tie up munitions plants by  
labor agitation among Hungarians.  
While he is not here in a diplomatic  
capacity, the State Department is em-  
powered to revoke his consular status  
and demand that he leave the country.

Improper activity in American poli-  
tics by Austrian Consul Hans Schwe-  
gel at St. Louis also was revealed in  
the documents taken from James F. J. J.  
Archibald by the British authorities.  
The State Department is warranted in  
deporting him, but has been content  
to disregard his actions.

Consul Schweigel's letter to Dr.  
Dumba described minutely the steps  
that should be taken to influence Con-  
gress against Great Britain and in  
favor of the Central Powers. Inter-  
ference in American affairs by foreign  
diplomats in former years has resulted  
in their dismissal.

It is hinted now even that the final  
settlement in the Lusitania case will  
not include a disavowal of the act by  
Germany, but will be merely a pay-  
ment of indemnity, possibly with "pu-  
nitive damages" added.

JAPAN ASKS AMERICA  
TO BACK HER IN CHINA

Britain Consulted Before Tokyo  
Advised Against Monarchy.

Tokyo, Oct. 30.—Japan has requested  
the United States to support the rep-  
resentations being made at Peking for  
the purpose of postponing re-establish-  
ment of a monarchy in China until the  
European war is ended.

Japan's policy was decided on after  
consultation with Great Britain. The  
conversations began while Baron Ishii  
was in London, several weeks ago, on  
his way from Paris, where he had  
served as Japanese Ambassador, to To-  
kyo, to assume the portfolio of Foreign  
Affairs.

Contradictory reports have been re-  
ceived here concerning the position  
taken by German diplomats at Peking.

Washington, Oct. 30.—Great Britain  
and Russia, as well as Japan, it became  
known, have made unsuccessful  
efforts to enlist the aid of the  
United States to prevent the establish-  
ment of a new monarchy in China and  
the abandonment of the present repub-  
lican form of government.

The theory was advanced among  
diplomats representing the Allies here  
that China was being influenced indi-  
rectly by Germany in the Far East  
would be again disturbed and Japan's  
attention concentrated on a possible  
revolutionary outbreak in China, with  
the resultant suspension of ammu-  
nition shipments from Japan to Russia.

## GERMANY DICTATES OFFICIAL MENU CARD

London, Oct. 30.—German news-  
papers publish the schedule pre-  
pared by the German Federal Coun-  
cil in pursuance of the decision to  
restrict consumption of meat. As  
forwarded by Reuter's Amsterdam  
correspondent, it is as follows:  
Mondays and Thursdays—Restau-  
rants shall offer no meat, fish, fowl  
or dishes cooked in lard, bacon or  
drippings.  
Tuesdays and Fridays—Butchers  
shall sell no raw or cooked meats.  
Saturdays—Pork shall not be sold.  
Thus far the Federal Council has  
placed no restrictions on cooking of  
meats in homes.

## AT HOME IN KILT, POE TOLD CLASS

Wrote of Piper Playing  
as Famous Regiment  
Won Trench.

Trenton, N. J., Oct. 30.—Andrew J.  
Imbrie, secretary of the class of 1895,  
Princeton, to-night made public the re-  
sponse of "Johnny" Poe, the famous  
Princeton football player killed while  
fighting in France, to the postcards sent  
him by his classmates after the last  
reunion.

It reads:

"In Northern France, July 24, 1915.

"Dear Andy: I want to write thank-

ing you in the name of the class for the

postals the fellows sent me. So far

about 130 have arrived, and as I read

the sincere wishes of the fellows, many

an incident, unrecalled for years, at

least, came back at seeing the well re-

membered names.

"I have transferred from the heavy

artillery to the infantry, the famous

Black Watch, 'thou who thou art such,'

who for over one hundred and

fifty years have shoved the British flag

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